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U.S. Sugar/ union employees reach tentative agreement

By Tracy Whirls

Officials with United States Sugar Corporation announced Tuesday afternoon that they have reached a tentative agreement with union negotiators to settle a six-day strike which began last Thursday when 900 union members rejected a three-year labor contract.

"We have reached an agreement with the union negotiators and they have agreed that the membership ratify the contract and vote on it as soon as possible," USSC Senior Vice President Robert Buker told reporters late Tuesday afternoon. "We agreed not to disclose any details because the membership deserves to hear it from their representatives," Mr. Buker said, adding that the agreement involved some "give and take" from both sides.

Union members were voting Wednesday morning and results of the vote are expected Wednesday afternoon.

If the new contract is rat-

ified, it will end the six-day strike which began when members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 57 walked out at 12:01 a.m. Thursday. With a quarter of their annual cane crop still in the

fields, U.S. Sugar began operating its Clewiston mill Monday with replacement workers brought in to take the place of striking union members. USSC President and CEO J. Nelson Fairbanks said in a news release Friday the company

was prepared to complete the harvest, if necessary.

Because of recent heavy rains, USSC's sugar mills had remained closed during much of the strike and harvesting was suspended because fields were too wet. Monday, USSC Senior Vice

President Robert Buker announced the company had hired replacement workers to get the Clewiston mill up and running. Tuesday, USSC Director of Communications Judy Sanchez said the company had held several meetings with union representatives since Sunday. She said if the strike continued, the company hoped to have the Bryant Mill up and running within a week to 10 days, although it would likely mean bringing in replacement workers from out of state.

Ms. Sanchez said the Belle Glade-based Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida had agreed to grind cane for USSC Friday, although she said she didn't know how long that arrangement could continue.

"We had some cane that was burned prior to the rains. It was harvested and shipped to the Co-Op," she said.

Ms. Sanchez said the company had sent a letter out to the bargaining union employees telling them work is available and they were welcome to come back. She said the company had hired additional security.

"We have increased security on our property to prevent vandalism or strikers threatening workers," she said, but so far, the strike has remained peaceful.

Ms. Sanchez said there has been only one report of tires slashed, on a vehicle belonging to a contractor working at the refinery construction site.

She said the effect of the strike on the refinery construction has been minimal. The new refinery, expected

to open late this spring, remains on schedule, she said.

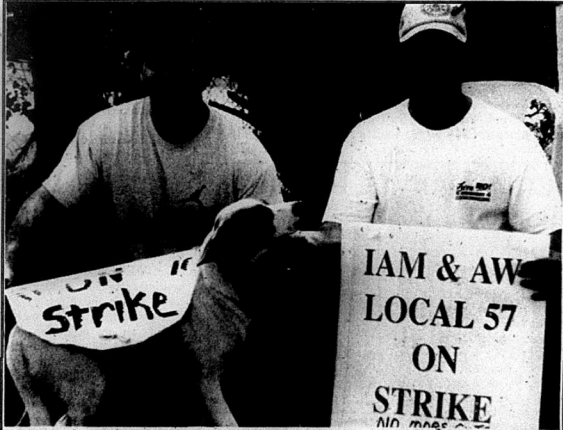
The contract with the company 900 members of the Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 57, which also includes AFL and CIO Union members, expired at midnight Feb. 18, according to union representative Gordon Floyd. Union officials and company representatives have been meeting to discuss the contract since Jan. 21.

"We brought it back to the membership, explained the package to the membership. They turned it down and Cane Growers Cooperative said to strike," Mr. Floyd said. At issue, he said, is an alternate wage structure proposed by the company, changes in production and hours, with the potential loss of jobs, and changes in hospitalization coverage.

In a news release issued from Mr. Buker's office Thursday, USSC officials said the union had two main problems with the proposed contract. "First, union members wanted mechanics to be guaranteed 16 hours per week of overtime, at time-and-a-half, even if the workload doesn't require it. Second, they wanted construction workers to be paid for commuting time," Mr. Buker said.

According to Mr. Buker, the contract rejected by the union contained provisions for wage increases, a six percent bonus, and a reduction in the weekly guaranteed overtime for about 90 employees, from 16 hours a week to 14 a week next year, 12 the following year.

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DOGGONE STRIKE ALMOST OVER... Strikers at Bryant Mill in Canal Point had their dog Charlie helping them out on the picket line this week. Shown, from left is Jose Molares and Roger Burroughs.

SUNPHOTO BY JENNIE M. SEARS

Pahokee firefighter fired and accused in beatings

By Jennie M. Sears
Staff Reporter

Edward Royal York, former firefighter for Pahokee Fire Department, was fired last Monday and the following day was charged with beating a woman and her child. Chief Gary Burroughs said he terminated York because he did not meet standards during his probationary period.

Within the time that York was employed at Pahokee Fire Department, he missed a required training course and left town while on call, according to city documents.

After the second incident, York received warning from Chief Burroughs that any further problems could result in termination from the department.



Edward York

The state Department of Children and Families investigators found York had beaten and bruised 9-year-old Jeffery Hannah, according to a police report. A Pahokee detective lat-

er confirmed that York had also struck the mother of the boy, Jaymi Hannah, 30.

Charged with domestic battery and child abuse, York was released on \$500 bond until a hearing next month.

According to city files, York is a U.S. Army veteran and a former employee of U.S. Sugar Corp.

In late December, York, decided to join the Pahokee Fire Department. After the merger with the county, the county agreed to assist any volunteer firefighters in Canal Point to become professional firefighters. Burroughs said that York showed interest so the county agreed to pay for his training and transportation to and from training courses.

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Bystander says heroic effort made to save drowning victim

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

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Woodson and others called the sheriff's department this week to commend Dept. Kronsperger, who has been with the Glades Substation less than a year. Before that she worked for the Delray Beach Police Department for three years. Kronsperger said several rescue workers were helping in the rescue effort, trying to attach ropes to the car to lift it up. "It wasn't just me," said Kronsperger, "Everybody worked very well together. I was just sorry we couldn't save him."

Rev. Saulsby was a probation officer at the South Bay facility and his wife had just had a baby nine days before the accident.

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News Briefs

Spring Fair

Good Shepherd Church of God, 1800 Bacon Point Road, Pahokee, will be hosting a Spring Fair, March 12-14. On March 12 and 13 the fair will be from 5 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The fair will feature rides, games, food, a gospel sing, bake sale, Kids' Corner, Paint Ball, Laser Tag and other activities. For more information call 924-9578.

Pahokee offers free smoke detectors

The City of Pahokee has a number of smoke detectors they will be giving away to residents this month. Fire Chief Gary Burroughs said the detectors are free to anyone who does not currently have smoke detectors, particularly low income and elderly residents in the city. His personnel will install the alarms and will also perform a complimentary home safety survey while they are there.

Call Pahokee Fire Rescue at 924-2424 to set up an appointment with Fire Chief Burroughs or Captain Eddie Boswell.

"How Can We Help" Day is in March

Staff at the C.L. Brum

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Lake Level

18.31 feet above sea level

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back Health Center in Belle Glade are sponsoring the third, "How Can We Help Day" on Friday, March 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Belle Glade Loading Ram, between 5th and 6th Streets and Avenues C and D. The purpose of the event is to provide area residents with information on the various services available to them and to inform them of dates and times for specialized conferences and educational opportunities.

Any agency wishing to participate should contact Marylou Powers at 996-1600 for a registration form.

Gospel Explosion added to Afro Arts Fest

It's that time of year again. The Afro Arts Festival will be held March 19 and an added attraction will be a Gospel Explosion. The gospel event will be sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and will begin at 7 p.m.

Performers are needed for the Gospel Explosion, including soloists, duets, Trios, groups, choirs (both school and church).

PBCC Winter Term to begin soon

Palm Beach Community College's second eight-week winter term registration began Feb. 17 and runs through March 6. Classes begin March 16.

For more information about the second express term, contact Palm Beach Community College, Glades Campus at 996-3055.

Applications available for Harvest Queen Pageant

The annual Harvest

Queen pageant will be held on April 24, 1998 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade. Applications are available for contestants ages 16-21 at Atlantic Pacific Insurance, 204 N.W. Ave. L, Belle Glade. Each contestant is required to obtain a sponsor. The sponsorship fee is \$100 and contestants must be a resident of, or attend school in Belle Glade, Pahokee or South Bay.

The pageant is co-sponsored by Palm Beach Community College and the Belle Glade Lions Club. Entry deadline is March 13. Any questions should be addressed to Becky White at 996-5800.

Sermon on Passover to be held at Pahokee 1st United Methodist

Messiah in the Passover, a sermon demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover, will be held on Sunday, March 1 at the Pahokee First United Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

The sermon will be conducted by Stewart Weins, a representative of Chosen People Ministries, one of the world's most extensive ministries of the Jews.

The meeting is open to the public and Christians as well as the Jewish community are invited to attend. The church is located at 491 East Main Street, Pahokee.

The Inspirational Church of God

The youth department of the Inspirational Church of God will be presenting a special Black History Program February 28 at 7:30 p.m., honoring our black men and women who paved the way for African Americans. The theme is Extraordinary Black Americans!!

University of Miami Baseball

U Hurricanes

MARCH SCHEDULE

March 1	UM vs. Univ. of Texas	1:00 p.m.
March 6,7,8	BellSouth/Hurricane Diamond Classic	
March 6	Furman vs. FIU	1:00 p.m.
	UM vs. Rutgers	4:30 p.m.
	UM vs. Illinois	8:00 p.m.
March 7	UM vs. Furman	1:00 p.m.
	Illinois vs. FIU	4:30 p.m.
	FIU vs. UM	8:00 p.m.
March 8	Consolation Game	10:00 a.m.
	Championship Game	1:30 p.m.
March 13	UM vs. Rutgers	7:00 p.m.
March 14	UM vs. Rutgers	7:00 p.m.
March 15	UM vs. Rutgers	1:00 p.m.
March 17	UM vs. Vermont	7:00 p.m.
March 18	UM vs. Iona	7:00 p.m.
March 20	UM vs. No. Carolina	7:00 p.m.
March 21	UM vs. No. Carolina	7:00 p.m.
March 22	UM vs. No. Carolina	1:00 p.m.
March 25	UM vs. Drexel	7:00 p.m.
	at Homestead Sports Complex	
	Tickets through ticketmaster	
March 27	UM vs. Harvard	7:00 p.m.
March 28	UM vs. Harvard	7:00 p.m.
March 29	UM vs. Harvard	1:00 p.m.

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All games are played at Mark Light Stadium, corner of San Amaro & Ponce on the University of Miami campus. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 16 & under.

Canal Point Florida's biggest weather man found in canal

Joseph W. Griffin, 20 years old, was found Saturday morning in a canal near Canal Point.

He was driving a 1996 Dodge truck when he missed a bridge on a dirt road on U.S. Sugar property. The truck vaulted over the canal and collided with the embankment, and overturning into the water on top of the driver. The driver expired at the scene according to Florida Highway Patrol.

Florida's biggest weather man found in canal



Mike Lyons

It has turned our dry season into the winter of our discontent, as a series of seemingly endless storms sweep across the state. And, if the experts are right, the worst is yet to come. It is the El Nino-the weather

phenomena that is making headlines around the world. It certainly has been a lousy winter in Florida and, if this week's deadly tornadoes in central Florida are any indication, this spring may be more volatile than usual. A still unanswered question is how will the El Nino affect the upcoming hurricane season?

Yet, as wretched as the weather has been, at least we knew it was coming. For months in 1997, scientists warned of the "climate event of the century" in describing the strongest El Nino since 1982.

83. The experts predicted just about everything that has occurred with eerie accuracy.

Well, don't look now, but the El Nino has a cousin in the Atlantic Ocean that is not as well known, definitely not as well understood and could be potentially more severe than the El Nino.

It is called the Northern Atlantic Oscillation (NAO), not as fancy a name as the El Nino, but scientists say the NAO can throw tantrums just as wicked as its Pacific Ocean cousin. Yet, unlike the El Nino, the NAO is very difficult to predict.

It is not difficult, however, to study. The NAO is nothing more than a seesawing of two pressure centers in the atmosphere. One is located near Iceland while the other is usually stationed above the waters of Portugal. One is a high pressure system and the other is a center of low pressure.

These lows and highs flip back and forth over the course of seasons. Their movements affect the weather over much of the northern hemisphere.

When the low pressure is centered over Iceland, for example, the frigid winds from the Atlantic sweep down over North America. Our winters tend to be cooler while Europe enjoys a relatively temperate period. When the systems flip-flop, the arctic winds aren't nearly as strong, resulting in a mild winter for North America and a harsh winter in Europe.

But why do they change positions? That is the \$64,000 question. If scientists could come up with the answer, then long-range weather predictions would be much more accurate.

The solution may lie in the ocean. Research is underway to determine if the temperature of the ocean water is somehow running the show, that cool water here and warm water there may be the mechanism that flip-flops the pressure systems.

Researchers have determined that the ocean does exert some control over weather patterns in the subtropics. If it works in the subtropics, researchers argue, it may work in the North Atlantic, too.

Meteorological associations in the United States and Europe are currently working on the project. They hope to come up with an answer soon.

Once they do it means the El Nino will be the least of our problems.

Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WFTS-TV.

Fishing with Walt Reynolds



Walt Reynolds

I think El Nino is trying its best to put the state of Florida under water. I have never seen the lake this high before. This is causing the fish to have a rough time trying to spawn. Every time they get their nest built, the water comes up higher and they have to move.

The wind is also a big factor in finding a good area to fish. In. With all the grass being killed, the water gets very dirty from the wind stirring up all the decaying vegetation. As the weeds and grass die they settle to the bottom and become muck and when the wind blows the muck becomes dirty water. This is hard on the spawning fish, as they have to keep the silt and muck from settling on their eggs.

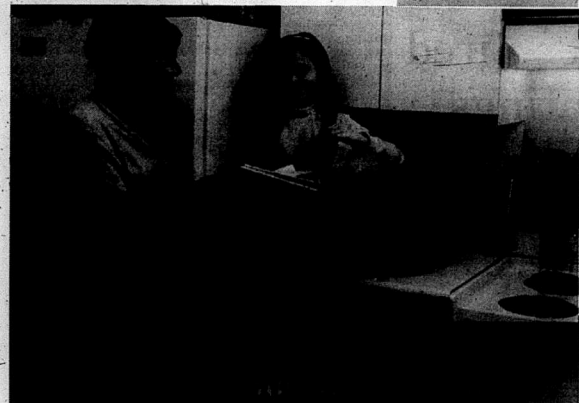
The only real clear water is in

the protected areas such as the Cow Pasture and the backside of Moonshine Bay. There are some fish making their way into these areas to spawn, but it is hard to get a boat back into a lot of those shallow areas. Please remember when fishing during the spawn to release the fish you catch so that they may enhance the numbers for upcoming years. This is especially important this year with the adverse conditions.

Spinner baits and plastic worms are still the best lure. The Crappie fishermen are having a great time on the North Shore around Indian Prairie. Can. Minnows fished in the Reed Clumps are producing many limits of fine eating.

I just fished the Bassmasters Your on Santee-Cooper Lakes in South Carolina this week. If you want to see how killing the grass in a lake will destroy it, the go fish these lakes. They were the best lakes East of the Mississippi River until they sprayed the grass over the last two years. Now it's almost impossible to catch a bass there. And the people responsible for the spraying say that it doesn't hurt the fishing. I can prove them wrong at anytime.

To all a good bite... Walt Reynolds, Touring Pro



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HEALTH WATCH

CHILDREN'S HEALTH CORNER



By Faye Brandenburg

The miracle has happened, you now have your little gift from heaven, your new baby. When you arrive home from the hospital with your little bundle of joy, you mix the formula your doctor recommended. You settle in ready to feed the newest member of your family, with much anticipation of a peaceful and fulfilling experience. For some reason it doesn't turn out the way you thought. Your baby squirms, fusses, spits up or refuses the bottle. Then you worry that you are doing something wrong because your baby won't eat and your baby won't thrive.

There could be a number of reasons. Your baby could be allergic to milk products, for example. But chances are you just haven't smoothed out the process. Sometimes it takes a little bit of practice to make bottle feeding easier, more trouble-free and rewarding for both parent and baby.

Feeding your baby is an important comforting and bonding time. Get comfortable, and hold your baby so that the two of you can look at each other. Hold your infant securely, but not tightly and try to focus your attention on the baby. "It's important to give your baby quality, uninterrupted time, so turn off the television and turn on your telephone answering machine," says Dr. Rebecca Abu, Pediatrician at the Family Care Center.

Babies have individual tastes. Some like their bottles the same temperature every day, some don't seem to care if you feed them warmed formula one day and chilled the next. If your baby fusses when the temperature of the formula varies,

keep it constant. Pay close attention to the temperature, making sure it isn't so hot it will burn your baby. Just test a couple of drops on the inside of your wrist each time. Some parents warm the formula from the refrigerator by holding it under warm running water to take the chill off, some warm the bottle in a saucepan of warm water, and it won't hurt your baby if you feed formula straight out of the refrigerator. Some infants prefer their formula warm, some prefer it cool. You should avoid using the microwave as a heating tool for formula. Many young babies have had scalded or burned tongues, lips, esophagus or cheeks from formula that was heating in the microwave. If you do microwave formula, use clean, clear plastic bottles with at least four ounces of formula to avoid overheating. Always shake the formula after heating and test it by shaking a few drops on the inside of your wrist before serving.

Mix your baby's formula the same way every time, never dilute the formula more than recommended on the label or your infant will not receive the necessary nutrients. With the many chemicals added to tap water, you're better off mixing bottled water in your infant's formula, unless you have filtered tap water which is changed frequently and properly. New nipples can have a very distasteful, plastic flavor your infant may not like; to get rid of the new nipple taste, boil it in water before using. Always make sure the hole in the nipple is neither too large or too small. If it's too small, your baby may become frustrated and too tired to get enough formula. If it's too large, too much formula can go through and

cause your baby to choke. Check the formula flow by turning the bottle upside down. If it comes out in a stream, the hole is too large. Buy nipples with a smaller hole. If the formula doesn't drip or barely drips, the hole is too small. You can enlarge the hole by boiling the nipples in water and then use a needle to enlarge the hole. Remember to replace nipples after four - six months use. Saliva and heat deteriorate the rubber and they begin to get rough or sticky, or collapses, making it more difficult for your baby to feed. Parents usually have a dozen things to do and may be tempted to prop the bottle up so the baby can feed on his own. A baby left alone with a bottle can choke easily, or if a baby is lying flat while feeding, milk can back up in the throat and eustachian tube causing an earache or ear infections.

Just as your appetite varies from day to day, so will your baby's. Let your baby be the one to decide how much he eats, don't force every last drop down your baby, and don't hesitate to give more than the amount you measured out if your baby wants it.

You should consult your pediatrician if the formula doesn't seem to satisfy your baby, if he isn't gaining weight adequately, or doesn't suck vigorously. Other signs of possible feeding problems are loud crying after feeding, accompanied by vomiting or diarrhea with blood. Some babies are allergic to milk products and just switching to another kind of non-milk based formula could solve the problem. But you need a doctor's advice before switching your baby's formula. As always, when in doubt contact your pediatrician and remember,

Your mother was right: Eat your breakfast

A healthier life ...

By Katrina Elsen

Want to do something that could help you feel better, lose weight, have more energy and live longer?

Eat breakfast.

Your mother always told you that breakfast was the most important meal of the day. Now researchers back up what mom knew all along. According to "Low Fat Living," authors Dr. Robert K. Cooper and Leslie L. Cooper, the human body metabolizes food differently at different times of the day.

Eating breakfast "wakes up" the body and helps it start burning fuel. According to their research, food eaten earlier in the day is more likely to be used by the body for energy while food eaten later in the day will be stored as fat.

In fact, researchers found that two people could eat the same number of calories per day, with one eating early in the day and one eating late, and have different results. The one eating early could lose weight while the one eating late could gain.

Of course, eating just anything for breakfast is not going



Katrina Elsen

to maximize the health benefits.

The traditional American breakfast of eggs, bacon or sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, etc. was fine when the average American was spending the day working in the fields or herding cattle. These days, most of us don't spend our days working quite that hard and we don't need the extra calories.

I realize that some of our readers are working cowboys and I do not begrudge them whatever hearty breakfasts they choose.

But for those who spend their mornings working behind a desk, a good breakfast might include fruit and something like toast or a bagel with low-fat cream cheese. Oatmeal or

whole grain cereals are also good choices for breakfast. Be wary of granola; some brands are very high in sugar. Read the labels. Ingredients are listed in the order of content. A cereal which lists sugar as the first ingredient is not a good choice nutritionally.

For those who do not have trouble with high cholesterol, eggs can be a good high-protein breakfast food, but remember that frying adds fat and calories.

Some people complain that if they eat breakfast, it only makes them hungrier during the day. So eat something. Take a piece of fruit to work for a midmorning snack.

The human body is a very efficient machine. If you go without food for long periods of time, it switches into "famine" mode and stores as much food as possible. Thus, if you eat one big meal a day and stay the same weight, you could take the same amount of calories and divide it up into several smaller meals and snacks and lose weight.

Katrina Elsen is a Special Assignment Editor for the Okeechobee News.

Health Care Concerns

(NAPS)—How well is managed care managing to meet consumer needs? A recent survey discovered some disturbing statistics. More than a quarter of consumers reported some difficulty receiving treatment. Forty-two percent reported delay or denial of care and about a third cited limited access to physicians.

Experts on health care at the Patient Access to Specialty Care Coalition say all health plans should:

- Provide a point-of-service

option so members can see doctors outside the network without undue financial hardship.

- Provide for external review conducted by qualified professionals independent of the plan.
- Meet nationally developed standards for performance measurement and reporting.
- Offer consumers access to an independent, external ombudsman who would help members file formal grievances and appeals and report to regulatory bodies.

To learn more, call the Patient Access to Specialty Care Coalition at 1-800-756-1300.



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Alleviating Symptoms of Allergies

Children's allergies are nothing to sneeze at. Fortunately, doctors can effectively treat the symptoms of seasonal allergies triggered during Florida's winter season with child-approved, prescribed medications.

For example, South Florida has been called "the dust mite capital of the United States," experts such as Dr. Mark Stein, a North Palm Beach allergist. Dust mites, he adds, love the high humidity and warm temperatures of South Florida. During the relatively cooler winter months, most people run their air conditioners less often. Mites thrive in this moist environment, causing plenty of problems for children and adults with seasonal allergies or allergic rhinitis.

Dust mites are not the only source of problems for allergy and asthma sufferers. "People with grass allergies will suffer year round in South Florida," noted Dr. Morris Beck, of Asthma & Allergy Associates of Florida in Miami. He adds that the scourge of the sub-tropics, the cockroach and palmetto bug, are major allergens.

For children, these problems are compounded because the school holiday break encourages the growth of dust mites and mold. Because the air conditioning is usually run only when school is in session, mold has a chance to grow in the warm, damp concrete block

construction, while dust mites thrive in carpeting, according to Dr. Herbert Moselle, an allergist from West-Med in Plantation.

As a result, when children return to school their allergies may flare up. Sometimes parents will treat this problem with over-the-counter antihistamines that make children drowsy, inattentive in school and learning can be disrupted.

"When an antihistamine is needed, parents should ask their physician to prescribe a non-sedating antihistamine that's approved for children," suggests noted allergist Dr. William C. Howland, president of Asthma Care International.

Many health care plans, how-

ever, in an effort to control costs, are restricting access to non-sedating antihistamines. Instead, they recommend sedating over-the-counter products or a limited prescription for a non-sedating medicine.

If non-sedating antihistamines are excluded or limited by a health care plan or HMO, doctors say, parents should contact the plan manager and seek an exemption. Parents can also call the Florida Department of Insurance at (800) 342-2762 or the Agency for Healthcare Administration at (888) 419-3456 to urge that restrictions on non-sedating antihistamines be lifted.

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Trees on Main Street are nice
"I was at a club meeting recently and we were discussing the new trees the City of Belle Glade is putting up on Main Street.

I thought it would be nice to just call *Speak Out* and say how nice the trees look and how much enjoyment I know we will get from them as they grow.

The trees really add a lot of ambience to the look of the town and as a longtime resident, I just want to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the city for such a nice improvement."

Belle Glade needs more shopping

"Yes. I would like to make this statement to the mayor and city commissioners in Belle Glade. Why can't we have a K-Mart, a Wal-Mart or some kind of big store in the area? We have a lot of big, empty buildings and we do need a shopping center and we do need a decent shoe store so we can keep our money in the community.
Thank you."

Editor's note: The city is working to bring a business development park to the area near the Belle Glade Airport. We do have at least two shoe stores in town which do a pretty good business. I understand your concerns, and city officials also share resident's concerns and are working in several areas.

For the birds

"On Page 1 of *The Sun* last week, the birds pictured there are Ibis. They have a long, curved, red beak. They are the White Ibis.

On another matter, I applaud Bill Mathis for encouraging the persons in the fire and police department to be from Belle Glade.

Certainly Belle Glade has a great need for local people to be employed, since there is such a high unemployment rate. Let's train some persons to be able to do that.

And, if we're concerned about keeping the dollars here in town, why not get after the sugar companies, most of whose owners live on the

coast and spend their money out there rather in Belle Glade.
Let's keep it here for our needs. Thank you."

Editor's note: Thank you for setting the record straight on the photograph of the birds in the Feb. 19 issue. We also received several telephone calls telling us we misidentified the Ibis as Snowy Egrets.

Praise for janitors at GCCHS

"I'm a concerned citizen from Glades Central. I've read in the newspaper about the comments made about the janitors at Glades Central High School. I'd like to thank the janitors at Glades Central for doing a great job, especially the night janitors, Shirley, Gloria, Ron, Eleanor and the rest. They do a wonderful job at night.

But, the children need to start doing a better job of taking care of the new school. Glades Central is a three year old school and I'd like to thank those who built such a nice school for our community.

The janitors and administrators do their job, but the children have to come forward and learn to keep the school clean.

In my third period class we talked about having a clean up day at Glades Central. I think that would be good.

We need to recognize our janitors for the hard work they do. So, thank you janitors and keep up the good work, and the students need to do better."

Kudos to Chuck Royal

"I would just like to commend Chuck Royal for his willingness to be used by the Lord to be the point man who brought in Bill Glass Prison Ministries to the Glades to minister to our facilities here.

It takes a unique person to be used in this way and I believe that Chuck deserves to be commended for his act.
Thank you."



Letter to the Editor

Reflecting on the issue of residency...

Dear Editor:

For several weeks, years actually, I have listened to and read with interest the many conversations and articles concerning the issue of living on the coast and working in Belle Glade. I am one of the few who have moved out of Belle Glade and then moved back. I didn't come back because I felt compelled to spend my paycheck in the city - I moved back because I work in South Bay and the early morning drive was killing the Type-B part of my being.

This issue has raised its ugly head several times over the years, but recently it has gotten uglier than normal. There are those in our city government, and also those who, sadly, work behind the scenes pulling the strings, who believe the way to save Belle Glade is to put up a wall, make everyone who works in the city live there, and spend every dime of every paycheck patronizing city businesses.

To say this is highly hypocritical is to put it rather mildly. I see too many Jeeps, Nissans, Toyotas, Tommy Hilfigers, Polo's, Toppiders, Callaway Golf Clubs, Dockers', Coach leather goods, Louis Vuittons, and Belle Glade residents at the Wellington movies and eateries to believe that the people yelling the loudest truly believe that 20 or 40 policemen and firemen living within the city limits and paying city taxes will turn this city around.

I'm sure nothing would make Steve Moore Chevrolet, Glades Ford, Everglades Trading, Moda, and Cato business owners happier than to have the people who seem to feel most strongly about this issue buy all of their automobiles, clothing, and office goods from local businesses, but while some folks are screaming at city leaders out of one side of their mouths, they are ordering movie tickets, Steamers fish, and Park Avenue Barbecue out of the other side. Either that, or heading out of Belle Glade all together, every weekend.

The main argument seems to be that area businesses and the tax base of our city year because this group of dedicated people choose to live outside of Belle Glade. Assuming this is true, and I don't by any stretch of the imagination think it is, let's do some quick math. On the high end, we will say we

are talking about 50 people - to make it fair, let's make it 100. We will average yearly taxes for these 100 people at \$5,000. Admittedly a high number, but we have to cover our bases. That comes to \$500,000 each year that the city loses to people who live elsewhere. Let's double that amount to cover other items that these same people purchase outside of Belle Glade just to live. I won't count clothing, cars, and entertainment because even the most serious Belle Glade zealot buys most of these items on the coast. So we won't add the millions of dollars that Belle Glade residents spend outside the city each year at the malls, the super stores, and elsewhere to our equation - it would just enforce my point.

Let's now compare the lost millions to what Belle Glade businesses bring in each year from these horrible people who have exercised their God-given right to live where they please.

Conservatively speaking, let's say 2,000 people drive into our area to work each day. Since she is already riddled with arrows, I'll use my mother as an example for what someone who lives outside the city spends in Belle Glade each year. Even though some may feel that she is someone "who thinks she is good enough to work in the city but not live there," those who know her realize that she works here because she loves the city. She buys lunch 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year here. Actually, when I join her, she buys two lunches per day. She fills her car with gas at least once a week here, banks here, and runs errands around town during her work week. A low figure for what my mom spends just on necessities to work throughout the year is \$2,500. Multiply that by the 2,000 people working here every day and that comes to \$5,000,000 per year into the local economy.

Now when we build the wall to keep people in, I think it's only fair to put rolled barbed wire on the top of our wall to keep everyone else out. I'm no John Kenneth Galbraith, but even by no very general example, it will cost the city four million dollars a year to make one million in taxes. That ought to revive the local economy in a hurry. I'm sure those leading the

charge will give themselves a hernia disputing my figures and logic. If they do, then they continue to miss the point completely. Building walls and creating a siege mentality didn't work in Eastern Europe and it won't work here. History always bears out that people and areas flourish when not bound by the beliefs and flawed restrictions placed on them by people in power. Belle Glade is a great place to live, and to work, and to leave on occasion.

My parents lived here for 30 years, reared and educated four children, attended church, served on many committees, bought every raffle and barbecue ticket, paid for school uniforms and dinners, raised money for community events, and in the prime of their lives decided to try something different. I have trouble condemning them and others who have made that same decision to leave Belle Glade.

Does anyone really have the right to dictate where anyone else lives, works, or eats? Hiding behind the guise of public safety is a cop-out. Our police and fire stations are well staffed every shift. It really comes down to people thinking they know the best way for us to live.

I'm not a perfect person. We all do and say things we regret for that reason I would never impose my will on another human being and I take exception when someone tries to do it to me.

Anyone who makes the drive from Wellington and other areas into the western part of the county every morning has surely noticed the large beam of light that seems to shine down on Belle Glade. I asked my mother to ask around to see if anyone knew what it was. She went to someone of great intellect and specific knowledge of the Glades, Dr. Joe Orensen. He told her that it was the early morning sun's reflection from the many canals in our area. I admire and respect Dr. Joe's knowledge immensely, but we may need to do some more research. I think instead of coming off of the water in our area, the reflection is actually the glare off of all the glass houses.

**Kelly Teets
Belle Glade**

Inside-Out

Editor's note: Written by inmates at the South Bay Correctional Facility, "Inside-Out" is a column by convicted men who want to reach out to today's youth who may be traveling the road leading to prison. The men are in a Lifeskills class taught by Mary Wilkerson at the prison. The Sun will run this column once a month, or as space is available.

able. The men use aliases to protect their identity.

"We have a great desire to do something different and inventive in order to reach today's wayward youth and young adults who may be walking the road leading to the prison gates. There are probably many youth and young adults who have questions they cannot or are embarrassed to ask their parents or friends concerning prison or problems. We would like to give them a chance to ask those questions and provide them with an experiential response so they can learn from our mistakes. We want to set them on the correct and right path of life. This column has much to offer these people and it also has much to offer us, (a chance to make things right for some-

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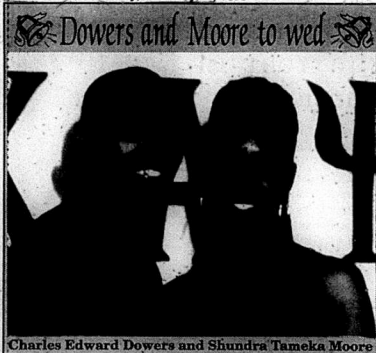
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Charles Edward Dowers and Shundra Tameka Moore

Napoleon and Faire Moore of Belle Glade announce the wedding of their daughter, Shundra Tameka Moore to Charles Edward Dowers, son of Annie Dowers and the late John Dowers of Belle Glade.

The wedding will be Saturday, February 28 at 4:00 p.m. at Saint John's Baptist Church in Belle Glade. All family members and friends are cordially invited.

ENGAGEMENT NEWS

Justin and Mildred Sepko of Lake Worth are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy Sepko to Joshua Nesselhauf son of Lori Brusch of Belle Glade and Dean Brusch of Boynton Beach.

Kathy is a 1996 graduate of Lake Worth High School.

Joshua is a 1997 graduate of Lake Worth High School. He is currently in the U.S. Marine Corp.

The double ring ceremony will be held March 2, 1998 at the Holy Name Catholic Church in West Palm Beach.

After their marriage the couple will reside in Yuma, Arizona.



Pictured L to R - Donald Branch and Margie Branch accepting the Main Street Diamond Award.

Correction

Margie Branch accepted the Pahokee Main Street diamond Award on behalf of her husband, Julian Branch, who, in the words of Shirley Jarriel, Coordinator, was Pahokee Main Street's "most faithful and hardest working volunteer." Many members of Mr. Branch's family, including son Don, were present for the presentation.

at the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce and Pahokee Main Street Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on Thursday, February 5. "The Diamond Award will be presented annually to the most valuable Pahokee Main Street volunteer. It was an honor to have someone as special as Julian to encourage us," said Mrs. Jarriel, "he was the 'wind beneath our wings' and to say he is missed is an understatement."

Chester Albert Cone, age 90, of Belle Glade, died Wednesday, February 11, 1998 at his home. Mr. Cone was born in Omaha, Nebraska and had been a long time resident of the Glades area.

He was an architect and designed many buildings in the Belle Glade and Pahokee area. His first job was the theater design in Clewiston.

He was a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Belle Glade Elks Club, and a former member of the Lions Club. Mr. Cone also served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Mr. Cone is survived by his loving wife Margaret; son - Robert of Coral Springs, FL; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorial services were held Saturday, February 14 at Mixson Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Joseph P. Feld officiating. Mixson Funeral Home,

Belle Glade, had charge of arrangements.

Robert (Bobbie) Earlene Edensfeld, age 80, of Canal Point, died Sunday afternoon, February 15, 1998, in JFK Medical Center.

A native of Lincoln, Nebraska, she was born on December 24, 1917, daughter of the late William Earl and Maude Mosley Wilson. Her family moved to Canal Point in 1931. On November 1, 1936, she married Joseph Edensfeld and they moved to Miami in 1950. There they raised their four children and were foster parents to approximately 180 children. In 1980 they retired to Canal Point.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Joseph D. Edensfeld; son - Richard and wife Nikki of Lantana; daughters - JoAnn Hydes of Davie, Emma Jean Lynch and her husband Jim of Miami, and Betty Lawton and husband Dan of Sacramento, CA; 11

grandchildren, 13 grandchildren, also a loving foster son - James Goode of Miami and a brother - Earl Wilson of Canal Point.

The funeral service was conducted Wednesday, February 18 at 11 a.m. in the Canal Point United Methodist Church. Interment followed in Port Mayaca Memorial Park. Those making an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Memorial Fund of the Canal Point United Methodist Church.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.



James S. (Sam) Gray

James S. (Sam) Gray, L.M.T., 67 of Wellington, co-owner of Gray II Massage Therapy, joined his brother Robert L. Gray on February 24, 1998 after a battle with cancer.

Born in Pahokee, FL in 1940, served his country in the U.S. Air Force and was a life-long resident of Palm Beach County. He worked at Q.O. Chemicals in Belle Glade for 28 years before starting a career in Massage Therapy in 1994 with his wife, Mary Margaret.

Sam is also survived by a sister, Sylvia (Greg) Jones of Belle Glade; nephews - Maxon Sims of Oklawaha, Craig Sims of Loxahatchee, and Robert Hill, Jr. of Lantana;

stepchildren - Catherine Parramore and granddaughters - Alexa Briance of Wellington; Jeff (Donna) Parramore and grandchildren - Kyle, Brandon, and Chelsea Marie of Lake Worth; James Parramore of Patrick Springs, VA and Elizabeth (John Shockey of Critz, VA; daughter Terri Lynn; grandson - Tony and son, James S. Gray, Jr. He will also be missed by many relatives in Virginia and Florida, his neighbors, friends and the students he taught.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Diabetes Foundation, Hospice of Palm Beach County or the charity of your choice. The family will receive friends on Friday, February 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Del Lago Funeral Home, 131 South Lakeside Drive, Lake Worth.

Mary Griffin Pinkard, age 88, formerly of Belle Glade, died Monday, February 2, 1998 at 2:35 a.m. in the Glades Health Care Center, Pahokee.

A native of Wekulla County, FL, she was born in January 11, 1909, daughter of the late Edward and Edna McAllister Baker. A long-time Belle Glade resident, she moved there from Tampa in January 1936. For the past several years she had made her home in the Glades Health Care Center, Pahokee. She was a member of the Church of God.

The funeral service was

conducted Monday, February 23, at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Belle Glade. The Rev. Ted Hines, pastor, Lakeside Baptist Church, and her son Rev. William Taylor officiated. Interment was in Port Mayaca Cemetery.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.

Body found near Herbert Hoover dike

Last Thursday the body of a man was found floating near an overturned car. A pilot of an ultralight plane spotted a green 1968 Ford Mustang in a canal off of Herbert Hoover dike in Pahokee, said investigators.

Sheriff's officials did not know when or why the car overturned off the Herbert Hoover dike and into the canal. The man was later identified as Robert George, Sr., 79, of Riviera Beach. He had been missing since February 10. George had been depressed about his wife being ill and hospitalized.

Military News

Navy Lt. j.g. Joseph G. Nefflen, a graduate of Glades Central High School of Belle Glade, FL, recently visited Constanta, Romania, while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Shreveport.

During the port visit, crewmembers from Nefflen's ship provided dental care and donated disposable medical supplies to the HIV stricken children of the orphanage Casa Speranta.

Nefflen's ship also participated in Invitex, an exercise that helped naval units from France, Italy, Turkey and the United States by conducting training on surface and undersea warfare, fire support, maritime interdiction, ordnance and mine disposal drills. Operating with other forces from the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group, Sailors and Marines from USS Shreveport also conducted mock noncombatant evacuation operations and full scale amphibious assault drills.

Nefflen's ship can provide fast transport of combat troops and rapid launching ashore by both helicopters operating from Nefflen's ship can transport up to 900 combat troops, their equipment and supplies from ship to shore. These troops can take control of port and air base facilities, and prepare for follow-on forces.

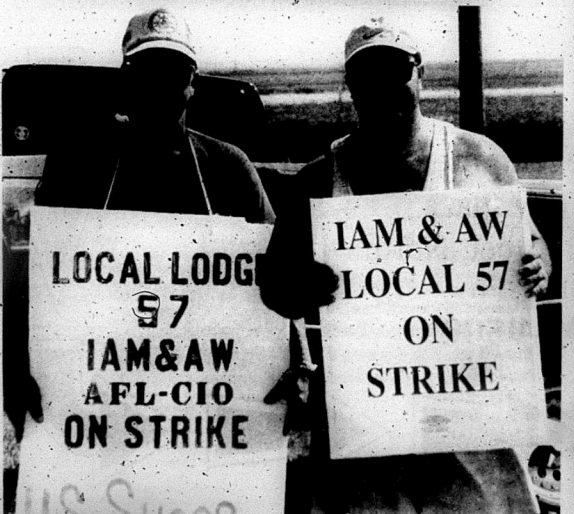
He joined the Navy in May 1994. Nefflen is a graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., with a BS degree.

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Charles Jordan directs one of the country's leading parks and recreation programs in Portland, Oregon. His decade-long tenure on Portland's city commission focused on both human relations and jobs training. Jordan has published extensively on the topic of minorities and the environment. He served on the President's Commission on American Outdoors and currently serves on the board of The Conservation Fund.



Joyce Dickens is a founder and president of the Rocky Mount/Edgecombe Community Development Corporation in North Carolina. The non-profit organization is involved in \$25 million of real estate development projects, including a downtown revitalization project, that are having a significant impact on jobs in the area.

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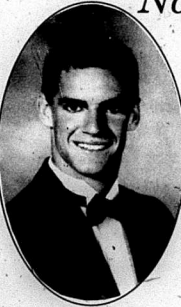
Pictured above and to the right are members of Iota Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and its auxiliary groups, Amicae, Archonettes, and Amicettes. They recently donated toiletries to residents of Glades Health Care Center in Pahokee.



City of Belle Glade's Public Services Department has been planting trees on Main Street. This is part of the City's beautification project.

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Parker Altman named National Merit Finalist



Glades Day School senior, Parker Altman, recently received notice that he has been honored as a Merit Program Finalist for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Altman, who qualified as a Semifinalist. He is in an elite group that represents less than 1% of the top U.S. high school graduating seniors, and is now eligible for one of 7,400 Merit Scholarships that will be offered to Merit Scholars.

An accomplished athlete who was considered a leader on the football team, Altman has signed to play football at Princeton University in New Jersey.

The son of Thomas and Deborah Altman, of Belle Glade, he is the second in his family to attend an Ivy League school. His brother, Patrick, also a graduate of Glades Day School, attends the University of Pennsylvania.

A well-rounded student, Altman currently ranks at

the top of his class with a 4.0 average and is president of the National Honor Society and the Student Council. As a junior, he received the William Danforth "I Dare You" leadership award, and he attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. last summer. He plans to pursue a career in political science and law.

"We are very proud of Parker," said Glades Day School's headmaster, Mandy Perez. "He's a dedicated young man with high moral values, and he's proven to be a true leader among his peers. There's no doubt in my mind that he will accomplish anything that he sets his mind to."

Sun-Gard Dea New business in town



Charlie Sadenari and Lori Watterson

Charlie Sadenari (The Tint Man), age 34, has been window tinting since 1981. He began 17 years ago by opening his own tint shop and has successfully opened up his second store. This shop has a lot more to offer. Everything from tint to bug shields/guards, alarms, stereos, headliners and auto wash & detailing available.

On January 20th, Charlie

and his girlfriend, Lori Watterson, opened their first tint shop together. With the help of some local friends this business has turned out to be a success.

Both Charlie and Lori offer a friendly service, a big smile and they always aim to accommodate everyone. "Our customers are treated like family," says Charlie.



This truck was tinted by Charlie's shop

Glades Day Gator Tales

The fourth six weeks' grading period ends this week and Glades Day students are spending their evenings studying for final exams. Report cards will be mailed to parents next Thursday, March 5. Hope the results are excellent!

Accomplishments just keep rolling in for our students these past couple of weeks. GDS congratulates Israel "Boo" Baez, who won the Belle Glade Elks Lodge's contest with his essay on Americanism. Boo won \$75, and his essay will be submitted for district judging. In addition to Boo, Courtney Bradlock, Crystal Doren, Derek Lamb and Brooke Prescott received Certificates of Achievement for their essays.

Congratulations are also in order for senior Larry Confare and eighth grader Vanessa Horta, who won superior ratings at the

Florida Vocal Associations District 9 Solo and Ensemble Festival on February 20. Eighth grader Alex Staats also received an excellent rating. She and Vanessa will represent GDS at the "Spotlight on Young Musicians" concert at the Kravis Center in May.

GDS would also like to recognize our one-man wrestling team, junior Donnie Scruggs, who is ranked fifth in the state in Class 4A. Officially, Donnie's record is 11-0 after he won the Jupiter Invitational Tournament last weekend, but he is also undefeated in two exhibition matches for a 13-0 record. Way to go Donnie!

A BIG congratulations to senior Parker Altman, who was recently named a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Parker, who qualified as a semifinalist last fall, applied to and

passed all the requirements to become a finalist, joining an elite group that represents less than 1% of the top U.S. high school graduating seniors. A top scholar and athlete, Parker has already been accepted at Princeton University, where he signed a letter of intent to play football.

Last, but certainly not least, we congratulate seniors Derek Mizell and Mary-Anne Hollingsworth, who were crowned king and queen of the Student Council's MORP dance last weekend.

A REMINDER TO JUNIORS AND SENIORS: Monday, March 2, is the last day to register for the April 4 ACT. Applications are available in Ms. Schoenfeld's office. It is best not to wait until the last minute, as it takes some time to fill out the registration form.

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one). Little Wolf

I would like to see this column work because it would provide someone like myself something positive to look forward to and get away from the negativity that surrounds me. I'm sure there are thousands of people who look for advice, especially if the person they are asking has "been there, done that." I'm not a big fan of the TV, but when I do sneak a peek at it, and they show the high school scene, I wish I was still in school being the student instead of the teacher. I'm now getting ready to go back into society to enroll in a bigger school called LIFE! I know that I must keep it REAL because I have something to offer the younger generation. I'm not armed with a pistol any more. I'm now armed with something I didn't have before,

KNOWLEDGE! Hasan

A column to the outside people - especially to the young ones of our society - is good for many reasons.

It's possible the answers to their letters and questions could deter some of them from crime; which would mean they would possibly never end up in prison.

It also could serve as a tool to inform the young people and young adults, perhaps even some adults in general, about the dangers of drugs, crime, etc. An answer from the INSIDE-OUT would work in a very positive way to the wannabe-gangsters. It just might help them change their minds and choose a better way. J.K.

I wish to be able to detour other young men and women from making the same mistakes in life that I've made. I

also want them to know that someone does care. I would like to let them know that when they have questions they are afraid to ask their parents or friends, they can ask their question through this column and remain anonymous. I would like to show them the various ways of solving problems.

And I would also like to show them that, although we're in prison, we do have feelings and can change.

It would be nice to be able to introduce them to the reality of prison life; the loneliness, the shallowness of rewards for wrongdoing.

These are just a few reasons, along with some of the ways to survive in society the correct way, that we would like to do this column. Thank you. We do care! Bo-knows

Belle Glade Rotary News

Glades Day School Headmaster Mandy Perez was the guest speaker at the Jan. 13 Belle Glade Rotary Club meeting.

He discussed the school's founding in 1965 and the progress made by the private



Mandy Perez

school during those years. Rotarians learned that last year, the school graduated 59 seniors and enrollment this year was at 584.

Glades Day School has an operating budget of about \$2 million and almost \$1.6 million of that is brought in with tuition. Donations and fundraisers made up the other portion of the budget.

This year, Mr. Perez said the school has gone to uniforms for the students. He said this has gone over very well for the majority of the students and

parents.

On Jan. 20, Wally Hewitt was the guest speaker. Mr. Hewitt works for Gallery Judge Groves. He spoke on Ecotourism and the Palm Beach County Growing Tours.

He said approximately 13 million people visited Florida's state parks in 1996, with a direct impact of \$200 million on Florida's local economies.

Ecotourism represents a growing market in Florida's tourist industry and has the capability to attract visitors in the off season.

A brochure given to Rotarians showed that Ecotourists



Wally Hewitt

are a niche market reaching the 35-54 year old group. Most are college educated with income over \$50,000 a year.

They stay in Florida for 8-14 days during the season and spend 34% more per trip than other tourists.

Nature-based tourism accounted for \$250 billion in goods and services related to bird feeding and watching, and more than 24.7 million Americans reported they traveled to watch birds. Mr. Hewitt said an 86% increase is expected in worldwide tourism by the end of the century.

Gene Faile, CEO at Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade was the guest speaker at



Gene Faile

the Feb. 10 luncheon. He outlined the improvements made at the local hospital and said many more residents are using the hospital for services.

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and 10 overtime hours per week thereafter.

"Many times, there simply isn't enough work to justify a guaranteed 16 hours of overtime every week," Mr. Baker said. "If we agreed to that guarantee, when there was not work then we would have to lay off workers, and we don't want to do that."

The company also offered to pay half the construction employee's commute time, but that was also rejected.

Ms. Sanchez said the payment of commute time only effects 60 field construction workers, who drive their vehicles to the plant to job site. "No other employees get paid to drive to work. We agreed to pay half. We didn't feel we should continue to pay people when they're not working," Ms. Sanchez said, adding that it is

also for that reason that the company is trying to reduce guaranteed-overtime. She said there is not as much work because of improved technology.

"Some workers may still be working 16-20 hours overtime if the work demands it," she said. "It's just not guaranteed."

Ms. Sanchez said it is the company's policy, "as long as the people here can handle it," to pay the overtime, rather than hire additional employees.

Striking workers who refused to give their names, said the cuts in overtime would affect their take home pay, as well as the amount of their six percent annual bonus, which is not guaranteed under their contract, as well as their shares in the company.

"We walked for the company

to help defeat the penny-a-pound tax and now they're doing this. How are they going to get the job done without the overtime? We don't know what's up their sleeve once they start taking."

Only U.S. Sugar's two raw processing mills and equipment shops are union, primarily electricians, welders and machinists. Mr. Floyd said striking workers included employees at the Bryant and Clewiston sugar houses, eastern and western division agriculture equipment shop, eastern and western field service department, railroad operators, railroad maintenance, and field construction personnel.

Bayfest meeting

The Bayfest Committee will meet Tuesday, March 3 at 6 p.m. at South Bay City Hall and every second and third Tuesday from then on.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Commissioner Miranda Smith at 996-6470.



MIXING IT UP...The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce had their first Chamber Mixer on Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Drawbridge Cafe. Executive Director Danielle Penuel said the turnout was great and everyone seemed to have a good time. Shown facing the camera, from left are Dr. Joe Orsenigo and Gary Goggans.

HOBY Scholarship recipients attend Belle Glade Woman's Club meeting

Last year's HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth) Foundation scholarship winner, Derrick Lamb, was the guest speaker at the Feb. 20 Belle Glade Woman's Club meeting.

Each year, the Belle Glade Woman's Club sponsors a local youth to attend the three day seminar. This year, the event was held at Barry University in Miami. Derrick joined over 150 youth from all over the country for three intense days

of workshops.

"I found it very interesting," said Derrick. "You are around other people your own age who are doing so much in their communities. It makes you want to go back and do more in your community."

Derrick attended the club luncheon with Glades Day School Guidance Counselor Rita Schoenfeld, his mother, Carol Lamb, and next year's HOBY recipient, Kelly Alvarez.

Kelly said she was looking

forward to attending the event this year. It will be held at Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Students are chosen for the HOBY scholarship based on grades and on essays. Staff at Glades Day School make the selection each year.

Belle Glade Woman's Club President Sandra Chamblee said, "We are very pleased to be able to sponsor a students each year. We feel this is a very worthwhile project."



HOBY Foundation scholarship winners...The Belle Glade Woman's Club had last year's HOBY recipient and this year's recipient attend last week's luncheon. Shown, from left are: Belle Glade Woman's Club President Sandra Chamblee, 1998 HOBY winner Kelly Alvarez, Carol Lamb, last year's HOBY recipient, Derrick Lamb and GDS Guidance Counselor Rita Schoenfeld.



DOING THE MACARENA...Local children were invited on stage during the performance by the Steele Bandits on Friday, Feb. 20 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Shown doing the Macarena with a member of the Steele Bandits is Kendall Bierer, 7 of Wellington (center) and Kahli Hernandez, 4 of Pahokee, far right.

Happy Birthday Brandon!

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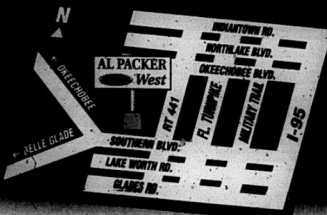
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF SOUTH FLORIDA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of board of supervisors of the South Shore Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 67A55, Section 6, Code of Florida, Acts of 1987, The Annual Meeting of the landowners of the South Shore Drainage District for the year 1998, will be held in the office of South Florida Conservancy District, a public place, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Tuesday March 31, 1998 at 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Electing one member and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SOUTH SHORE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
LAWRENCE D. WORTH
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Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 67A55, Acts of Florida, Acts of 1987, a meeting of the owners of lands within South Florida Conservancy District, will be held Tuesday March 31, 1998, at 10:30 P.M. At the office of said district in the City of Belle Glade, County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, for the purpose of electing one member to the Board of Supervisors of said district and to take such other action as may come before the board of supervisors of said district.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SOUTH FLORIDA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
By: Mr. Fritz Stein, Jr., Chairman
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INVITATION TO BID
The City of Palmetto will receive sealed bids for: Walking Paths and Parking Landscaping, Martin Luther King Park Project No. 9711-A.

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Palmetto in its office on March 20, 1998, no later than 2:00 P.M. local time, at which time the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Sealed bids are to be marked and labeled "CITY OF PALMETTO AND PARKING LANDSCAPING, MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK PROJECT NO. 9711-A".

The project consists of furnishing and installing approximately 137 various types and sizes trees in the park area.

Copies of the Contract Documents (Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings) are on file and available for public inspection at the following location:

City of Palmetto 1711 N. Lake Ave. Palmetto, FL 33476-561-924-5534.

M.A. Schenk & Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers 628 N. Lake Ave. Palmetto, FL 33411 561-791-5651/565-5036

Prospective bidders may obtain copies of the Contract Documents only through the Consulting Engineers, M.A. Schenk & Associates, Inc. The charge for the contract Documents is \$25.00. Non-refundable. A \$10.00 Non-refundable handling fee will be charged for handling of the documents which are sent to bidders via overnight delivery. All notes for overnight delivery shall be paid by the bidder. All checks for plans and handling fee as applicable, are to be made out to M.A. Schenk & Associates, Inc.

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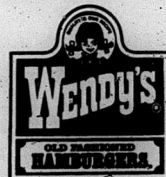
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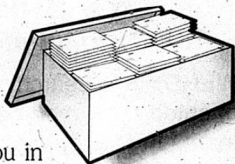
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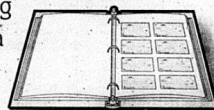


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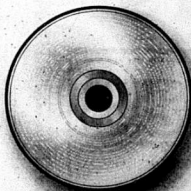
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